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FOR DEPT PASS TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE'S POSITION TN ANGOLA

REF: A) LUSAKA 010 (NOTAL); B) STATE 2945 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST STATEMENT IN REFTEL A, ATTRIBUTED TO ZAMBIAN STATE HOUSE SOURCE, THAT GPRM HAS AGREED TO FOLLOW MODERATE LINE AT OAU SUMMIT ON ANGOLA.

2. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED WITH INTEREST STATEMENT IN PARA 9, REFTEL B, THAT IT "IS KNOWN" THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD FAVOR SOLUTION INVOLVING WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION FROM ANGOLA.

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3. AS DEPT WELL AWARE, WE HAVE NO SOURCES IN GPRM WE CAN QUERY

ON ANGOLA, WHICH IS GPRM'S MOST SENSITIVE FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE. IT IS TRUE THAT, SINCE PRESIDENT MACHEL'S RETURN FROM DAR ES SALAAM MEETING WITH KAUNDA AND NYERERE ON DECEMBER 16, HE HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY MODERATE IN SPEAKING OF ANGOLA. BECAUSE OF DEC 17-19 DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES, NEITHER MACHEL NOR ANYONE ELSE IN GPRM MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ANY INTERNATIONAL ISSUE UNTIL RECENTLY. OVER PAST FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, MACHEL HAS SPOKEN OF ANGOLA TWICE, BOTH TIMES IN UNUSUALLY LOW KEY.

4. BOTH ADDRESSES WERE TYPIFIED BY FOLLOWING VERY BRIEF STATEMENT MADE IN SPEECH TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS JANUARY 5, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY BROADCAST TO NATION: QUOTE THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA ACCEDED TO INDEPENDENCE ONLY TO BECOME IMMEDIATELY CONFRONTED WITH BRUTAL AND OPEN AGGRESSION. THE PRETORIA REGIME INVADED DEEPLY INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, A SOVEREIGN AFRICAN COUNTRY. IT INVADED AND CYNICALLY ADVANCES THE RIGHT TO DO IT, IMPOSES CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO STOP ITS AGGRESSION AND VIOLATION OF THE MOST ELEMENTARY RIGHTS OF NATIONS. GPRM IN CONJUNCTION WITH AFRICAN AND ALL THE STATES THAT SUPPORT LIBERTY, DEMOCRACY AND PEACE RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL UNITY AND TO EXPEL THE AGGRESSORS IN THEIR TERRITORY." UNQUOTE.

5. FOLLOW-UP SPEECH JANUARY 6 ON OCCASION OF PRESENTATION TO MACHEL OF ABOUT \$750,000 COLLECTED FOR MPLA FROM ALL OVER MOZAMBIQUE WAS EQUALLY MODERATE. (ON ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, MACHEL HAD ASKED ALL MOZAMBICANS TO CONTRIBUTE DAY'S PAY TO FUND FOR ANGOLA).

6. NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT GPRM'S EXTREMELY CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH AND SUPPORT OF MPLA AND ITS CAUSE HAS LESSENED IN ANY WAY. WHILE THERE MAY WELL BE FACTORS AND INFLUENCES AT WORK OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT BELIEVE THAT GPRM WOULD SUPPORT A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA (PARA 2, REFTEL A) UNLESS MPLA WERE CLEARLY PARAMOUNT IN SUCH A GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO FIND IT DIFFICULT BELIEVE GPRM WOULD FAVOR WITHDRAWAL OF "ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION" IF SUCH WITHDRAWAL APPRECIABLY AFFECTED MPLA'S CHANCES OF DOMINATING WHATEVER GOVERNMENT SHOULD EMERGE IN ANGOLA.

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